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In re Application of	:	
Raymond Heidel	:	
Application No. 10/840,129	:	ON PETITION
Filed: May 5, 2004	:	
Attorney Docket No. 359999.33	:	

This is a decision on the petition under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed July 31, 2009, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

This application became abandoned as a result of petitioner's failure to take appropriate action in a timely manner after the decision of June 23, 2009 by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences. Therefore, the proceedings as to the rejected claims were terminated. See 37 CFR 1.197(b). As no claim was allowed, the application became abandoned on July 29, 2009. See MPEP 1214.06.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and fee of \$810, and the submission required by 37 CFR 1.114; (2) the petition fee of \$1,620; and (3) a proper statement of unintentional delay.

It is not apparent whether the person signing the statement of unintentional delay was in a position to have firsthand or direct knowledge of the facts and circumstances of the delay at issue. Nevertheless, such statement is being treated as having been made as the result of a reasonable inquiry into the facts and circumstances of such delay. See 37 CFR 10.18(b) and Changes to Patent Practice and Procedure; Final Rule Notice, 62 Fed. Reg. 53131, 53178 (October 10, 1997), 1203 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 63, 103 (October 21, 1997). In the event that such an inquiry has not been made, petitioner must make such an inquiry. If such inquiry results in the discovery that it is not correct that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional, petitioner must notify the Office.

There is no indication that the person signing the petition was ever given a power of attorney to prosecute the application.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-2991.

This application is being referred to Technology Center AU 3653 for processing of the RCE and for appropriate action by the Examiner in the normal course of business on the amendment submitted in accordance with 37 CFR 1.114.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Terri Johnson".

Terri Johnson  
Petitions Examiner  
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